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1. AS REQUESTED IN PARA TWO REFTEL, EMBASSY SUBMITS
FOLLOWING PROPOSED LANGUAGE TO AMEND REMOTE SENSING
AGREEMENT OF 22 MAY 1978:

(A) "IN CONFIRMATION OF RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN
OFFICIALS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RELATING TO THE COOP-
ERATION BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES TO CURB
THE ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS, I AM PLEASED TO
ADVISE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS
PREPARED TO INCREASE BY US\$ 2,200,000 THE FUNDING PRO-
VIDED UNDER THE AGREEMENT EFFECTED BY OUR EXCHANGE OF
LETTERS DATED MAY 22, 1978.

(B) "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THEREFORE
AGREES TO DELETE THE PHRASE, "THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED
THOUSAND DOLLARS (US\$ 3,200,000)", IN THE FOURTH
PARAGRAPH OF MY LETTER OF MAY 23, 1978, AND SUBSTITUTE
THEREFOR THE PHRASE, "FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND
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DOLLARS (US\$ 5,400,000)".

2. WITH THIS CHANGE, THE FUNDING PARAGRAPH OF THE
MAY 22 AGREEMENT WOULD READ: "THE TOTAL COST TO THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR PURPOSES OUTLINED IN THIS
AGREEMENT IS FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
(US\$ 5,400,000) OF WHICH THREE MILLION DOLLARS (US\$

3,000,000) HAS ALREADY BEEN OBLIGATED FOR THE SERVICES TO B PERFORMED BY THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA) OF THE UNITED STATES".

WE RECOMMEND WORDING THE AMENDMENT AS PROPOSED IN PARA ONE ABOVE, AS IT WOULD PERMIT USE OF THE ADDITIONAL \$2.2 MILLION EITHER FOR THE PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT AS PROPOSED REFTEL OR FOR OTHER PROCUREMENTS EITHER BY WASHINGTON OR BY THE GOM. PROCUREMENT ACTION BY WASHINGTON, EITHER THROUGH NASA, GSA, OR OTHER SOURCES, COULD BE EFFECTED IMMEDIATELY. THE GOM COULD NOT RPT NOT INITIATE PURCHASES WITHOUT OUR PRIOR APPROVAL, WHICH EMBASSY COULD NOT GRANT UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT HAD PROVIDED OBLIGATION NUMBERS. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT WORDING AS PROPOSED ADEQUATELY PROTECTS USG AGAINST ACCIDENTAL DOUBLE OBLIGATION, WHILE MAINTAINING MEXIMUM FLEXIBILITY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO EFFECT ABOVE AMENDMENT BY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL AND TO PROVIDE SPANISH TRANSLATION LOCALY. LUCEY

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